

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows.

Replace the paragraph, page 3, lines 16-22, with the following:

The poly- α -olefins used in the cosmetic composition according to the invention have already been described. They are mentioned in applicants' German patent application **DE 10152267** and in International patent application **PCT/EP02/11392**. Besides describing the compounds themselves, the documents in question also contain detailed information on their production. ~~Reference is made here to the corresponding applications.~~ These documents are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties.